



## **WEEKLY TEAM SUMMARY REPORT**

**May 26, 2009**

**Team: Education**

**Attending:** Paula Campbell, UofL CHED  
Becky Crumps, JCPS  
Pam Helms, Family and Children's Place  
Chris Hart, Spalding University  
Graham Honakar, Metro Council District 11  
Dana Jackson, Making Connections  
Kevin Kramer, Metro Council District 11  
Mike Mulheirn, JCPS  
John Ramsey, Muhammad Ali Center  
Greg Roberts, Muhammad Ali Center  
Judy Schroeder, Metro United Way  
Mary Gwen Wheeler, Louisville Metro  
Kathy Zandona, GLI

- Greg Roberts reported on New Venture Fund meeting where Sec. Arne Duncan and Asst. Sec. Jim Shelton (formerly with Gates Fdn) spoke on the Innovations and Race to the Top funds. This is the first and only time these funds will be available – looking for best practice models and innovation. Not something already done, yet evidence-based. Some states may not be eligible based on the criteria they are developing (not sure about KY). They are hiring the oversight staff from the philanthropic sector (founder of KIPP schools, head of New Teacher Project, etc.). Funds must be obligated by Sept 25.
- Discussed 4-5 proposal ideas for \$650 million "Investing in What Works and Innovations Fund", for which local education agencies (LEAs) and non-profits will be eligible.
  - Boys of Color (See attached doc) – advantages are 1) this could be statewide or regional (Lou, Lex, NoKY); 2) as a track record, funded by Mott Foundation, of work in other cities; 3) collaborative model and 4) seeks to improve outcomes for most at-risk demographic group
  - JCPS- Support new elementary (and possibly middle and high) magnets and restructuring based on new school assignment plan. Disadvantages: not addressing teacher performance (key goal). Advantages: addresses lowest performing schools,



supports college and career tracks. Suggestion: position as our version of charter schools, which are at heart leverage points for innovation, and emphasize choice.

- Shawnee High School – involve community in restructuring
- Linking after-school hours to academic achievement. Casey Fdn is considering funding a Making Connections project to tie Univ Signature Partnership, JCPS and community programs at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary – could build on private fnd funding. Also discussed KidTrax partnership and need to create stronger system of youth development based in KidTrax data linkages.
- Summer learning also discussed, from summer camps for middle and high school students on college campuses to “summerbridge” academic programs. Sustainability was a question here.
- UofL College of Education and Human Development Reported on proposal they submitted to state Council on Postsecondary Education to align standard K-12 to higher ed. Requested by CPE probably to solicit ideas for KY Race to the Top proposal.
- The schools of education (UofL, Spalding and Bellarmine) were encouraged to talk with JCPS about teacher effectiveness proposal ideas. UofL is working on Teacher in Residence Program which includes incentives for working in high-challenge schools.
- Mike Mulheirn distributed update info on JCPS plans for Title 1 and IDEA ARRA funds. See website for info. <http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Community/ARRA/index.html>
- Reminder that the Teacher Quality Grants NOFA has been released – MGW emailed to team.
- Next meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 3:30pm, Metro Hall, Room 106